Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 8, 2013 to January 29, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing an application (NAO-2007-4126) from Isle of Wight County for an individual permit required pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for proposed impacts to iurisdictional Waters of the United States from the Brewer's Neck Boulevard extension and intersection improvement project in Isle of Wight County. The project includes the construction of approximately 1,200 feet of new roadway (Brewer's Neck Boulevard Extended) connecting Benn's Church Boulevard to Brewers Neck Boulevard at the existing intersection with Queen Ann's Court. Construction would result in the creation of two new signalized four-legged intersections. The new roadway would be a four-lane, divided, urban primary arterial road with two 12-foot wide travel lanes; a 40-foot wide median; 8-foot wide paved shoulders; and roadside ditches within a 140-foot wide right-of-way. In addition, the project involves improvements to approximately 2,000 linear feet of the existing Benn's Church Boulevard and approximately 1,800 linear feet of Brewer's Neck Boulevard to consist of roadway widening to accommodate turn lanes and the realignment of the existing intersection of the two roads. Intersection improvements would consist of roadway widening in the median area to accommodate new intersection movements and installation of a new mast arm traffic signal. A stormwater management pond will be constructed to collect roadside drainage and provide for stormwater quality and quantity to meet state regulations. Isle of Wight County has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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